

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A hub unit for a driving wheel, in which:
 - one track ring out of a stationary ring and a rotary ring is an outer ring having a plurality of outer ring tracks on the inner peripheral surface thereof;
 - the other track ring of the stationary ring and the rotary ring is an inner ring assembly comprising a shaft member and an inner ring as a separate body combined with each other and having a plurality of inner ring tracks on the outer peripheral surface thereof;
 - the shaft member is formed with one of the inner ring tracks in a middle part in the axial direction thereof and a small-diameter step portion having a smaller diameter than that of the inner ring track portion at an end portion in the axial direction thereof; and
 - said separate inner ring has the other of the inner ring tracks on the outer peripheral surface thereof and is fitted on said small-diameter step portion,
- which hub unit comprising:
 - a sensor holder fixed to the stationary ring of the hub unit for a driving wheel;
 - a sensor supported by said sensor holder and facing an encoder fixed to said rotary ring to rotate

together with said rotary ring; and
a harness or connector extended out of said
sensor for taking out a detection signal of the
sensor,

5 wherein:

the sensor unit includes said sensor and said
harness or connector;

all of the portions of said sensor unit provided
which are outside the outer ring in the axial
10 direction and inside a range of a hub unit mounting
hole of a knuckle are disposed on the inner side in
the radial direction than an inner wall of the hub
unit mounting hole of the knuckle;

15 said harness or connector is disposed on the
outer side in the radial direction in a non-contact
manner with a constant velocity universal joint in a
finished car;

said sensor is an active sensor;

20 said sensing portion of said sensor directly faces
said encoder without interposition between it and
said encoder; and

said harness or connector is extended out of a
gap between said knuckle and said constant velocity
universal joint.

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2. A hub unit for a driving wheel according to
claim 1, wherein a gap between the sensor or the

sensor holder and a rotary member constituted by at least an end surface of the inner ring, the outer diameter thereof, or the constant velocity universal joint is set to be not less than 0.1 mm and to be 5 smaller than a gap between said constant velocity universal joint and said knuckle.

3. A hub unit for a driving wheel, in which: one track ring out of a stationary ring and a 10 rotary ring is an outer ring having a plurality of outer ring tracks on the inner peripheral surface thereof;

the other track ring of the stationary ring and the rotary ring is an inner ring assembly comprising 15 a shaft member and an inner ring as a separate body combined with each other and a plurality of inner ring tracks on the outer peripheral surface thereof;

the shaft member is formed with one of the inner ring tracks in a middle portion in the axial 20 direction thereof and a small-diameter step portion having a smaller diameter than that of the inner ring track portion at an end portion in the axial direction thereof; and

said separate inner ring has the other of the 25 inner ring tracks on the outer peripheral surface thereof and is fitted on said small-diameter step portion.

which hub unit comprising:

a sensor holder fixed to the stationary ring of
the hub unit for a driving wheel;

5 a sensor supported by said sensor holder and
facing an encoder fixed to said rotary ring to rotate
together with said rotary ring;

a harness or connector extended out of said
sensor for taking out a detection signal of the
sensor; and

10 a sensor unit including said sensor and said
harness or connector,

wherein:

said sensor is an active sensor; and

15 an internal circuit of said sensor is placed
circumferentially or in an arc inside a cap.

4. A hub unit for a driving wheel, in which:

one track ring out of a stationary ring and a
rotary ring is an outer ring having a plurality of
20 outer ring tracks on the inner peripheral surface
thereof;

the other track ring out of the stationary ring
and the rotary ring is an inner ring assembly
comprising a shaft member and an inner ring as a
25 separate body combined with each other and a
plurality of inner ring tracks on the outer
peripheral surface thereof;

the shaft member is formed with one of the inner ring tracks in a middle portion in the axial direction thereof and a small-diameter step portion having a smaller diameter than that of the inner ring 5 track portion at an end portion in the axial direction thereof; and

10 said separate inner ring has the other of the inner ring tracks on the outer peripheral surface thereof and is fitted on said small-diameter step portion,

which hub unit comprising:

a sensor holder fixed to the stationary ring of the hub unit for a driving wheel;

15 a sensor supported by said sensor holder and facing an encoder fixed to said rotary ring to rotate together with said rotary ring;

a harness or connector extended out of said sensor for taking out a detection signal of the sensor; and

20 a sensor unit including said sensor and said harness or connector,

wherein:

said sensor is an active sensor; and

25 the harness or connector of said sensor is taken out through an axial groove formed on the knuckle.

5. A hub unit for a driving wheel, in which:

one track ring out of a stationary ring and a rotary ring is an outer ring having a plurality of outer ring tracks on the inner peripheral surface thereof;

5 the other track ring of the stationary ring and the rotary ring is an inner ring assembly comprising a shaft member and an inner ring as a separate body combined with each other and a plurality of inner ring tracks on the outer peripheral surface thereof;

10 the shaft member is formed with one of the inner ring tracks in a middle portion in the axial direction thereof and a small-diameter step portion having a smaller diameter than that of the inner ring track portion at an end portion in the axial direction thereof; and

15 said separate inner ring has the other of the inner ring tracks on the outer peripheral surface thereof and is fitted on said small-diameter step portion,

20 which hub unit comprising:

 a sensor holder fixed to the stationary ring of the hub unit for a driving wheel;

25 a sensor supported by said sensor holder and facing an encoder fixed to said rotary ring to rotate together with said rotary ring;

 a harness or connector extended out of said sensor for taking out a detection signal of the

sensor; and

a sensor unit containing said sensor and said harness or connector,

wherein:

5 said sensor is an active sensor.

6. A hub unit for a driving wheel according to
claim 5, wherein said sensor is formed with said
sensor holder to be fixed thereto by resin molding as
10 a unitary structure.

7. A hub unit for a driving wheel according to
claim 5, wherein said sensor is press-fitted and
fixed to said sensor holder as a unitary structure.

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8. A hub unit for a driving wheel according to
claim 5, wherein an outlet hole for discharging water
is provided in a lower portion of said sensor holder.

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9. A hub unit for a driving wheel according to
claim 5, wherein an IC terminal is bent in said
sensor.

10. A hub unit for a driving wheel according to
25 claim 5, wherein said sensor and said sensor holder
can be brought into ratchet fitting to be fixed to
each other.